

Indiana Trail Riders Mission Statement

The purpose of the Indiana Trail Riders Association is to promote trail riding and equine activities in Indiana and the surrounding area.

The Indiana Trail Riders are involved on the local, state and national levels striving to promote and improve trails and campgrounds.

We work actively on the legislative and administrative levels as well as sponsoring and organizing workdays on several recreational properties in the hope that the natural beauty we have enjoyed on horseback will be available for future generations as well.

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***Visit our website at
www.intrailriders.org***

ITRA is a volunteer organization of equestrians and is a recognized leader in establishing trail and land-use ethics on public lands. ITRA members desire to use the public lands for recreational purposes, and through subsequent agreements may provide support, volunteer labor and/or funds to the "DNR for accomplishment of mutually beneficial recreational projects or activities.

ITRA was established June 1st, 1982. The Department of Natural Resources had just closed all the single file horse trails in Brown County State Park and a dedicated group of people formed the organization to see what they could do to get that decision changed. Following much discussion between ITRA and the DNR, and with the promise that ITRA would maintain the single file trails, the DNR did reopen about half of the single file trails

ITRA works in conjunction with the state on all horse use areas including trailheads and campgrounds in the state. Work includes two work weekends in Brown County State Park each year, the last weekend in April and the Thanksgiving weekend. Many of the members come in on Wednesday and have their Thanksgiving in camp then stay for the work weekend. During these work weekends, some people ride the trails to clean up the trash others have left. Another group will be out cutting fallen trees from the trails and yet another group or two will actually reroute, rehabilitate or construct trails. It is not all work! We always have a big pitch in on Saturday night with ITRA furnishing the main dish.

ITRA officers and directors come from all areas of the state. Members include individuals, clubs and organizations and like minded individuals from all over the U.S. Great accomplishments have been made in preserving and regaining trails by the many volunteer members in ITRA.



ITRA negotiated with the DNR when budget cuts threatened to close Potato Creek Horsemen's Campground, dedicated members raised the money to keep the campground open and in addition constructed a new trail.

ITRA again through negotiations with the DNR, and much actual hand work using their own equipment, has been able to keep open the trails in Salamonie.

ITRA was on hand when devastating storms went through Owen Putnam State Forest and closed the trails and campground. Volunteers cleaned the debris from the campground and had two chain saw crews working all day on the trails and reopened all but one trail in a single day.

ITRA working with the property manager and the Yellowwood State Forest Watershed Advisory committee have designed and constructed a new connector trail using our trail certification techniques that is a model for constructing additional new trails.

ITRA offers free to its members and at a cost of \$10 to non-members, a Trail Guide. This book lists all the riding facilities in the State, gives information for contacts and maps of the locations.

ITRA holds our annual meeting and election of officers in March and we always have a great pitch in, again with ITRA furnishing the main dish and drinks. It is a good time for old friends to get together and new ones to meet. Do you get the idea the people in this group like to eat?

ITRA has an email discussion group, the EDGe, which is free to everyone who is interested in horse and horse related subjects. To subscribe send a blank email to:

IndianaTrailRiders-subscribe@egroups.com



APPLICATION FOR ITRA MEMBERSHIP

Yes , I want to become a member and save the trails!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____

Work _____

Email _____

Favorite Place to ride _____

Family - \$20 _____ Lifetime - \$200 _____

Did an ITRA member ask you to join,? If so, whom?
Sponsoring Member _____

Circle the activities for which you would like to volunteer.

Annual Meeting-March

Hoosier Horse Fair-April

Spring Clean Up-April

Take Pride in America Day-May

National Trails Day-June

Annual Fall Ride-Sept

Fall Clean up-Nov.

Adopt A Highway Clean-up-Quarterly

Your membership includes our newsletter, The Trail Mix, published six times per year. The newsletter keeps you up-to-date on issues concerning equestrians and includes interesting articles. Our Trail Guide, updated annually, valued at \$10. 00 and one decal.

You can be part of an organization that is proud of its accomplishments.

To join fill out the membership application and return to the ITRA, Now!!!